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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 674  
By Davidson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Chief Shane Ray and the members of the Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department for their heroic actions following the Greyhound Bus accident of August 19, 2001.

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2001, a Greyhound bus, traveling on its regular route from St. Louis to Nashville, veered off the road into the median on I-24 at Pleasant View, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the bus made a sudden turn back on to the road, turned over on the pavement and skidded approximately 200 feet, repeatedly rolling over until it came to rest on the embankment at the Highway 49 overpass; and

WHEREAS, the accident killed one person, nine passengers were transported by helicopter to Vanderbilt Hospital, and thirty-three persons were taken by ambulance to eight area hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the Pleasant View Fire Department, under the able guidance of Chief Shane Ray was fortunately on the scene within minutes of the wreck, and as a result of their quick, professional and efficient response every patient involved in the traumatic event had

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been treated and released or sent to an area hospital within an hour and a-half of the accident;  
and

WHEREAS, the members of the Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department included Chief/EMT Shane Ray, Captain/FR Todd Orange, Captain Larry Armstrong, Captain/Chaplain George Clark, Lieutenant/EMT Jamie Hodges, Lieutenant/FR Jeremy Martin, Lieutenant/EMT Dustin Dunn, FF/EMT-P Brian Biggs, FF/EMT-P Don Horton, FF/EMT Terry Hastings, FF/EMT Christina Dalrymple, FF/FR Shane Tomlinson, FF Jody Vann, FF/FR Chris Williams, FF/FR Katie Williams, FF Charles Martin, FF Shawn Goff, FF Allen Nicholson, FF B. J. Nicholson, EXP Tom Austin, EXP Daniel Martin, FF Bryan Leech, FF/EMT Erica Biggs, and Linda Martin from the Lady's Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we specially recognize and commend Chief Shane Ray and the members of the Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Chief Shane Ray and the members of the Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department for their exemplary service following the Greyhound Bus accident of August 19, 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest appreciation for the Pleasant View Fire Department's indomitable, volunteer spirit, their hard work and their heroism during the events of August 19, 2001, and every day throughout the year, extending our best wishes and prayers for their safety and well-being as they risk their lives to save the lives of others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.